

REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

Claims 2, 6, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regard as the invention.

Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 6 and 9 have been amended.

Claims 2-5, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USP Application Publication 2002/0123923.

Without conceding that these claims are anticipated by the reference, the applicant has canceled the claims.

Claims 1, 6-14, 17, and 18 are deemed allowable over the prior art of record at this time, pending resolution of any rejections noted above, because the prior art does not specifically claim at least enabling the user to perform a first set of transformations of on[e] of the predictor attributes of the data, and based on the impact of the first set of transformations on a predictive power of the predictor attributes, enabling the user to determine whether to apply a second set of transformations to the predictor attributes to alter the impact on the predictive power of the predictor attributes.

The applicant acknowledges the examiner's indication that claims 1, 6-14, and 17-18 are patentable. The applicant notes that at least one of the features mentioned by the examiner is not part of independent claim 6. The applicant does not concede that there are not other good reasons for the patentability of claims 1, 6-14, and 17-18.

All of the dependent claims are patentable for at least similar reasons as those for the claims on which they depend are patentable.

Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended or canceled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

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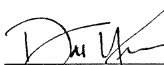
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Respectfully submitted,

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